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UTILITY COMPANY, INCORPORATED

**Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS AND
OCCUPATION.**

A. My name is Jeffrey P. deBessonnet. My business address is 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. I am employed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC).

**Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND
EXPERIENCE.**

A. I hold a B.S. degree from Louisiana State University in engineering and have 23 years of experience in the area of environmental engineering while employed at DHEC. I have experience in facilities planning, waste minimization and regulation of water and wastewater facilities under state and federal programs. Currently I am the director of DHEC's Water Facilities Permitting Division.

1 **Q. DESCRIBE YOUR CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES AT DHEC?**

2 A. I supervise five sections at DHEC. In those sections, DHEC manages
3 permits and permit applications for drinking water and wastewater facilities
4 statewide. I am responsible for permit transfers for drinking water and
5 wastewater permits under the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Pollution Control
6 Act.

7 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS**
8 **PROCEEDING?**

9 A. The purpose of my testimony is to clarify the status of permit transfer
10 requests being made of DHEC. DHEC has received an application to transfer the
11 drinking water permit (#0750036). The review of this application is ongoing.
12 DHEC has also received a request to transfer the capacity use permit (for
13 groundwater use, #07WS032). As of this date, we have not received a request to
14 transfer the ownership of the wastewater discharge permit (#ND0062286).

15 Regarding the drinking water permit transfer request, we have not
16 received adequate information to finalize our review of the business plan. We
17 need information regarding current drinking water expenses separated from the
18 wastewater expenses. In addition, we have not received the application for
19 transfer of the drinking water permit.

20 Regarding the capacity use permit transfer request, we have all the
21 information we need to finalize our review as of the date of this testimony.

22 **Q. DOES THAT CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

23 A. Yes it does.